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Politics Criticized By Nixon Relative

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Being poor may be bad, but it beats going in politics, one of President Nixon's poor relations said here yesterday.

"I'd rather be on welfare than in a bunch of gangsterism and I've about come to the conclusion that's all politics is," said Alma Millhous, 49.

Mrs. Millhous, whose husband, Phillip, is the President's first cousin, said she receives $46 a month in state disability aid.

Their son, Ronald, 28, appeared in Federal court this week in Sacramento to file for bankruptcy after suffering reverses in the hog market.

Mrs. Millhous, defended poverty favorable to politics in commenting about the Watergate conspiracy, which has shaken the Administration of her famous kinsman.

"We teach our morals at home. We teach our children to respect our country. Our elected officials should be people our children can respect, but you read in the paper every day about something dirty," Mrs. Millhous said.

"I think I might be getting in hot water," she said, and then she shrugged. "I'm not really interested in all that scandal stuff."

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